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Special consultant on defense production planning to Prime Minister YOSHIDA's Economic Advisory Council. (ID-1136505, 26 Jan 53)

Head of the MIMBO CHUO HONBU (Civil Defense HQ), qv.

For NOMURA's opinions on Japanese rearmament, see AMCON Nagoya Desp #29, 2 Feb 1953, filed GC File B-10.80.

NOMURA and his group of naval officers are the real backers of the new Japan Defense Assn, whose aim is to awaken the Japanese public to need of rearmament. NOMURA is not participating actively, though, since he wants to be clear of political involvement, and doesn't want to be branded because of ultra-nationalists who may infiltrate the new group. (DEPSTATE, Tokyo 3811, 5 June 53).

Now willing to be Chairman of Japan Defense Assn. He would give prestige, but great financial need may cause choice of some other person. (AMEMB, Tokyo Desp 86, 13 July 53).

Has applied for visitors visa in private capacity for 60-day visit to US. Leaving Tokyo week of 28 Sept 53. (DEPSTATE Tokyo #812, 28 Sept 53).

Arrived in Honolulu 18 Oct 53 on way to US. Spent night as guest of Adm. Felix B. Stump, Pacific Fleet Cmdr. NOMURA leaves for Washington on 20 Oct. (NY Times, 21 Oct 53).

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